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SUBJ: DC PARTY SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN VISITING THE US

FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASST. SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR US OCT. 20 WITH DC PARLIAM-
MENTARY GROUP, MAZZOLA PAID BRIEF FAREWELL CALL ON PARTY
SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI IN THE FORMER'S CAPACITY AS MEMBER
OF THE DC EXECUTIVE GIUNTA. MAZZOLA TOLD US THAT
ZACCAGNINI WAS PLEASED GROUP WOULD BE VISITING US AND
COMMENTED THAT HE TOO HOPED TO GO SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT MAZZOLA WILL
MENTION ZACCAGNINI'S INTEREST IN VISITING US DURING
PLANNED MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT. ZACCAGNINI'S COMMENT
PROVIDES ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE THAT DC LEADERS ARE NOW
COGNIZANT AND CONVINCED OF NEED TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTACTS
ABROAD (AS WE AND DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN URGING). WE SEE
CONSIDERABLE MERIT IN IDEA AND RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT
INTERLOCUTORS RESPOND FAVORABLY SHOULD MATTER BE
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